# IN THE FIELDS OF LABOR

RECENT GREAT STRIKES AROUSED PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Negro Competition a Factor in the South-News of General Interest to Union Men.

Sociology, economics and labor are questions that have attracted more attention in topics of public interest. The great anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania in the cases that each has achieved such a measfall of 1900 drew out more comment from | ure of success as to compel us to revise our the press of the country, aside from the actual conflict between the two opposing | brought upon us. forces than any strike in the history of receive anything like an indorsement from | confined to relative mechanical skill it the mere fact that they were striking ment, but the cause of the strike was discussed in the newspapers and magazines. Both organizations were successful. Following these came the steel strike. In this was little sympathetic comment, and the strike was lost. Sentiment was divided and on this account the steel strike was disindustrial contests.

have caused the newspapers to enter into discussions of the cause and effect of labor unions, economics and sociology. But even before the anthracite strike, magazine writers, authors and thinkers were becomconditions of laboring men. An unpre- were sent to America to represent 2,000,000 cedented number of books have been organized workingmen of England at the subjects, some advancing theoretical solutions, others presenting mere facts and historical data. The subjects of sociology, economy and labor are so closely related that they cannot be discussed without merging one into the other, as may be seen by a review of books published on these subjects, all of which tend the same way.

x x x William Hannibal Thomas's "The American Negro" presents the negro problem in a new phase. It is sociological, but the industrial part of the negro's life is given consideration. Himself of part negro blood, he fearlessly expounds his views. He seems to think little of the Tuskegee work and goes so far as to suggest the advisability of depriving the negro of his franchise until he is able to exercise it with more intelligence. His book has aroused much opposition, but its importance is apparent when it is considered that negro labor, in the South, is fast becoming a competitive factor in industrial life.

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The books of W. H. Dawson, "German a political factor. Life in Town and City;" P. M. Hough, "Dutch Life in Town and Country;" Chas. Mulford Robinson, "Improvement of Towns and Cities," and Raymond Calkins, "Substitutes for the Saloon," present auxiliary movements tending toward a solution of the labor problem. Mr. Robinson's suggestions regarding the improvement of cities, if carried out, would mean the elevation morally and socially, of every dweller in a municipality. Mr. Calkins's book is in direct line of the work of the famous "committee of fifteen," that has done so much toward purging Greater New York of its many evils. Open air gymnasiums, concerts, public libraries, free lecture courses, public theaters and similar resorts for recreation and wholesome enjoyment, to say nothing of the educational features, are substitutes for the saloon that would directly affect the laboring classes.

Trusts have necessarily been dealt with and several later publications view them from the industrial side. "The Control of Trusts," by John B. Clark, suggests as a remedy more freedom in competition and state legislation to suppress illegal methods. Competition strikes at the vitality of the wage scale of the workingman. To intensify or suppress competition is a proand con argument between those interested in labor. This is seen by Edmund Kelly's "Individualism and Collectivism." He began the work as an individualist and finished a convert to collectivism. This principle in the kingdom means the abolition of competition. He also advocates the government acting as an agent in equalizing production and profits, and the tendency is to drift to so-cialism. Edward A. Ross's "Social Control" espouses commonwealth control from an economic point of view. Other books in this line are "Custom and Competition," by Richard T. Ely, and "Monopolies, Past and Present," by J. E. Rossignol.

Other books which have been published the past year or to which have been added new chapters are "Contemporary Socialism," by John Rae; "American Workmen," by E. Levasseur; "Newest England," by Henry D. Lloyd; "The Play of Man," by ution of Man," by Alexander Francis | the Chamberiain; "Science and Penology," by Henry N. Boles, and "Back to the Soil." | for drunkenness from a year's record. by Bradley Gilman, the latter not being far away from the thought in Henry George's of 1,446,938 a day in Germany according to a "Our Land and Land Policy." Crimin- count of them maintained by the governologists have also woven a thread of industrial economy in their treatises of race conflict and crime, so, as a whole, much of the literature in the past year has been toward a solution of the labor problem,

"The most encouraging tendency to be reyear that have to do with things sociological and economic is the increasing interest of the popular mind in such subjects. It is coming to be realized more and more | are tried there. that the most urgent and difficult problems of the day are the social and industrial, wide circle of readers. While there have at his palace. been no epoch-marking deliverances during the year, the writers have one and all shown a commendable appreciation of the practical nature of the situation in which we find ourselves in the social and economic

The growing interest in the labor problem has also exacted comment in magazines and contemporary publications in the last year to an extent that is unprecedented.

mount question confronting trade-unionists. The bitter race prejudice that still predominates in Southern States is a barrier in solving the problem, but the white man is realizing that the negro is his competitor and that something must be done to induce the black man to raise his wage scale. As long as the negro confined himself to manual or common labor he was shown the same contempt as in the times of slavery, but as he began to learn skilled trades and take his place at the bench beside the white man he appeared in a new form. Even now skilled white laboring men in the South decline to recognize the negro as an equal, although it cannot be denied that the black man is doing his work well. Negro competition in the North is not so apparent. yet it exists, and here the color line is drawn as distinctly as in the South. Many unions refuse to accept negro members, not openly denying them membership, but subjecting them to certain qualifications beyond their reach and ingeniously contriving means to bar them. This is perhaps more apparent in the musicians' union. The laws of the musicians do not bar the negro. yet few locals will admit him. A law of the union provides that all applicants must first pass an examination before they will be given recognition. As a consequence few negroes "pass," although there are a few unions that are of mixed color. The most successful way to organize negroes is by themselves, and where that has been done results are satisfactory.

Perhaps no skilled trade is being invaded more than that of the iron molders in the South, and a man who has evidently given the negro question a thorough study, under the title of "Von C.," writes to the Iron Molders' Journal: "A few years ago a mere handful of ne-

exces worked at molding in Chattanooga:

to-day there are two hundred, and I am | cent. will come under the classification of convinced that the question of what shall | public domain. be done with the negro molder is one which in the near future will demand more of our attention if we would maintain for ourselves fair wages and conditions in the

"Unfortunately, the question is surrounded with a deep-rooted race prejudice that offers an almost insurmountable barrier to efforts that might be made to raise the regro mechanic to a higher plane. It is the sentimental side of the problem, but he will make a mistake who attempts to ignore it while prosecuting his labors on behalf of the freedman. We of the North do not enter into full sympathy with it, but it is there and must be reckoned with. That is the sentimental side of the problem, but | States in 1900 was within a small fraction there is a practical side which will appeal with greater force to trade-unionists. time we may have regarded the danger of | Practically, therefore, there was one vote competition with him as a mechanic with cast for each five and a half inhabitants. the last year, perhaps, than any other | that same contempt as we did the machine when it was first introduced into the foundry, experience has demonstrated in both pinion and look about for means to repair

"Many negro molders, as their work testifles, deserve to be classed as mechanics. this country, and was perhaps the first to | Were their competition with white molders would constitute no more serious proposition than competition of white with each miners in the anthracite district and their other. But there is a very serious additional factor which enters into negro comhe is paid and is content to receive. That against their employers. Close on to this is the dangerous feature and the one which strike came the strike of the machinists, as a matter of self-preservation will compel the white molder of the South to so far overcome his race prejudice as to assist in educating the negro to a better understandmachinists receive the extensive indorse- ing of his rights and privileges and in en- and is known only to the Syrian smiths couraging him to organize for their main- and their pupils even to this day. tenance and protection.

"Not only are the ranks of the negro molders being recruited in the regular way, but the penitentiaries of the South, where, by permission of the State, criminals are the press took an active part, but there assisting in the task of reducing the wages of honest labor and driving its product from the market, are each month setting adrift negroes who, during their confinement, have acquired some rudimentary cussed more than either of the other two knowledge of our craft in convict foundries. Not all of these follow molding thereafter, but some do, for when an unskilled and These three great industrial uprisings low-paid laborer, whether he be black or white, is given an opportunity to acquire some knowledge of a trade and increase his earning power he will very generally

> Frank Chandler, of Manchester, and Ben Tillett, of London, carpenters by trade,

The new mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., a stoker by trade, was earning \$14 a week

A pallbearers' union has been organized in Chicago.

Five hundred carpenters of Limerick, Ireland, have been imprisoned for combining to raise their wages.

The early store-closing movement has reached Philadelphia.

A new fraternal order, the Gardeners. proposes to revolutionize fraternal insurance by providing pensions for workingmen over sixty-one years old.

Organized workingmen of Cleveland, O., are talking of making their organizations

The Newsboys' Protective Union of Bos-American Federation of Labor.

The Episcopal Church of Cleveland is attempting to organize men's clubs in each arise in which club members are involved the board of conciliation, together with the influence of the church, will attempt to effect a settlement without strike or lockout. At the recent convention of the Episcopal Church in San Francisco a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a labor commission to assist in settling labor

It is said that the Amalgamated Steel Workers are providing a gigantic fund in order to open hostilities against the steel

bership of 12,000 and a treasury of \$385,000.

The carpenters of Toronto, Canada, have started a technical school for their craft.

# OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A curious perquisite of Danish M. P.'s is

than equal in amount to all the coin of the

The last American camel died in southwestern Arizona a few weeks ago. The camels came to the United States from Egypt and Smyrna in 1857.

deep at its deepest as the highest moun- Looking to where the sun comes through the tains are high. It has now been proved to Philadelphia claims that raising the retail 713 since 1897, and has knocked 4,000 arrests

der to avoid death by yellow fever. Last summer the city was a delightful place to | Plod to their tasks as stubbornly as trees. Public Opinion in discussing these ques- live in and there were but thirty cases of And hark ye, in the caches of the earth

Among the many things that Japan borrowed from China was football, said to and the writer who has something to say have been introduced as early as the middle that is worth hearing about these questions | of the seventh century. The Emperor Toba is assured in advance of the attention of a | II was an expert player and got up a club |

Russia who enjoy religious liberty with the stipulation that they must be born of

There are over 90,000,000 acres of land in Negro labor in the South is now the para- | terests, it is believed that at least 50 per | GOVERNOR IS BESIEGED

New York's zoological garden will be the largest in the world, comprising within its boundaries no less than 261 acres. The next largest is at Washington, which has 168 acres. The Berlin garden has sixty, the MANY PLEAS ARE MADE FOR EX-Paris garden fifty and the London garden

The women of Finland of the lower classes perform arduous labor that in other countries is usually assigned to males. They wheel handcarts and barrows of various descriptions containing heavy burdens. They also sweep the streets, act as boatmen and even assist in loading ships.

The total popular vote of the United of 14,000,000, and the total population of the country, including Territories which have The negro is here, and while at one no vote on the presidency, was 76,000,000.

Miss Annie Downing, of Mattoon, Ill., is the only blind telephone operator in the This girl of twenty-three, a graduate of the Indianapolis School for the Blind, has become an expert switchboard operator. She locates a call on the board damage our lack of foresight has by the sound of the "drop," or falling shut-

> in Chicago. That is to say, there are behave studied law and been admitted to practice. Of this number, however, only 4,500 to 5,000, or about 50 per cent., are following their profession. The other 4,000 or 5,000 are in the ranks of trade.

Chinese girls are to be employed in San

the language are in demand. An interesting feature of the innovation will be the making of tea, since Chinese etiquette requires that customers should be entertained while waiting for the public telephone. The horsemeat butcher shops of Vienna, of which there are no less than 185, present a clean and attractive appearance, and are in no way distinguishable from the shops

where the usual kinds of meat are sold,

hor emeat must designate this fact in a

Restaurant keepers who serve

save by the sign announcing their spe-

special column on the bill of fare offered years represent approximately the life of staff of men employed varies in number

### The Art of Lonfing.

from the maximum of thirty-five.

If you would loaf with success you must study how it is done by those who have reduced loafing to a science and an art. Loafing is as elastic a word as any in the English language-except fishing. When a man says he is going fishing you know that sipation, which may take the form of cards or drink, or surrender to his love of nature and the country, or his desire to shake off pipe. There is only one thing more uncertain than what a man means by "going fishing" and that is what he will catch

Loafing is another India rubber word ton is the youngest that ever joined the truck under a car from one place to anwork he loves and is not obliged to do.

## The Army in France.

New York Commercial Advertiser. Things have changed somewhat in France since the Dreyfus case, and the Nationalists now have a reason to cry "Vive l'armee!" that they would not have had Burgundy, there was a notable trial. The editor of a paper called Le Pioupiou de l'Yonne, which is issued whenever there is a conscription in that department, and three writers-one a municipal councilor of Auxerre, one a young college professor, and the third an ex-professor in a lyceewere tried for slandering the army. They had written articles denouncing the army as a hotbed of corruption, as being a source of physical and moral contamination for all who were compelled to serve in its ranks, and various other things of like nature. The offense was aggravated because the paper was published for the sole reason of printing these articles. Army influence did its best to convict the men, and they themselves helped the army by going, in their testimony, even further than they had in their written articles. Yet a jury acquitted them, and the audience that filled the court room received the verdict with

# Unrest.

loud cheers.

Who hath not stayed his hand, Once in the grinding, ceaseless round of toil, To ask the question with a weary smile: Lo, is it all worth while? Mopping the sweat from off the heated brow, Or silver wash of moonlight floods the floor, Lo, is it all worth while?

Goes on her way the stubborn soil along. Picking the food that chance has scattered there, All day the butterfly Flutters in aimless purpose through the grove, Yet by one purpose held All day the patient ox Plods to the creaking yoke; And horses, dogs and geese,

Camels and fishes Elephants and whales, And all strange creatures moving through the In cities, or in forest or in the air, Or in the depths of never-sounded seas. Are million springing seeds In ceaseless ferment Old bones that change to blooms, And toads and crawling worms,

Each with sufficient purpose; And far above. A ceaseless rush of worlds foiling through space, Each his allotted pace; No greater in the vast cosmogony Than worm or toad or seed, Or we small men-

O thou of purpose, plodding on thy way, No idle doubts shall ever mar thy day; Like stern volcanoes in the ancient hills Thyself shall labor like those, Titan mills, leeping o' nights to labor on the morn; And though, stout soul, thou can'st not see to ECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

Why One Young Man Was Not Granted

a Parole-Governor Gets

Information.

Governor Durbin has been devoting a great deal of time during the past week to the consideration of applications for executive clemency. Since he became Governor last January there has been a perfect deluge of appeals of this character, the records of the office showing that the number exceeds by far those made during

any similar period for many years. Although Governor Durbin has given patient hearing to the friends of convicts, he has granted clemency in but comparatively few instances. In every case he insists on a thorough investigation and surprises are frequent. An instance of this kind transpired on yesterday. He had given audience on several occasions to friends of a young man from southern Indiana, convicted for the crime of assault and battery with intent to kill. The alleged facts and plausible arguments presented to the Governor led him to believe that the case should have favorable consideration. He thereupon instructed Secretary Wilson to issue a parole. This order was being carried out at an hour of the day when Superintendent Hert, of the Southern Reformatory, called at the office. Conversation turned to the case in hand and the Governor was astonished to learn that the young man for whom the parole was about to be issued had been a 'trusty" at the prison about two weeks ago; that he availed himself of an opportunity to escape and was now enrolled on the books of the institution as a refugee from justice. The process of issuing the parole was stopped then and there and the Governor credited himself with another accession of information which is not likely to increase his faith in the protestations of persons seeking executive clemency.

### THE CITY'S SOCIAL LIFE

(CONCLUDED FROM THIRD PAGE.) Widdrington left immediately for a short bridal trip, and will be at home after Jan. 1 at 1545 Woodlawn avenue. Miss Ethel Reiff, of Kokomo, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tyler.

Mrs. D. M. Vandawalker and daughter returned yesterday from Milwaukee. Mrs. M. Fox, of 1933 Central avenue, will entertain the members of the Chapel Club

Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Ross Stevenson, of Chicago, is expected here the early part of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C.

The song sung by Mrs. J. M. Leathers at the Doll Fair Friday evening, as well as the duet by Mrs. Leathers and Mr. Mercer, were composed by Mr. Clayson for an opera now being written. The Needle Society of the First Presby-

terian Church will hold its annual Christmas sale next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the new temporary building at Fifteenth and Alabama streets. There will be souventrs made from the wood of the old The Harmonic Fraternity, composed of

the advanced pupils of Miss Fidelia Lester, gave a programme on East Tenth street Wednesday evening. The students par-ticipating were Miss Leah Bornstein, Miss Orpha Hanna, Miss May Berry, Miss Ina Miller, Miss Marie Born, Miss Nina Mankin, Mr. John J. Dierdorf and Dr. J. F.

The Women's Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday, Dec. 13, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Jordan, 1423 North Meridian street, with Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. S. B. Loomis and Mrs. Ella D. Hollenberry as hostesses. Papers will be read by Mrs. Alice French and Mrs. J. three years ago. Recently at Yonne, in M. Berryhill, and a selection by Mrs. J. D.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Club met with Miss Lena Byrd on North Pennsylvania street yesterday afternoon. Mr. R. B. Gruelle gave a very interesting and in-structive talk on "Two Peasant Painters and Their Work." The painters chosen were Millet and Breton. Copies of their pictures were displayed by Mr. Gruelle. In addition to this he read his choice descriplection in Baltimore. The next meeting of anese" will be discussed. Mrs. R. F. Kautz

The women connected with the Girls' Industrial School will hold their annual "boxopening" and sale at the home of Mrs. Frank Blanchard, at the Savoy, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 5 p. m. Mrs. C. L. Wayne will have charge of aprons of all sorts, assisted by Mrs. George F. Breunig, Mrs. J. D. Ely, Mrs. M. H. Aldrich and Miss McLaughlin. All kinds of towels and dust caps will be on sale by Mrs. A. E. Reosal, assisted by Mrs. W. N. Coffin and Mrs. A. S. Cost. The handkerchief and necktie table will be in charge of Miss Mae Culver, Miss Marguerite Scholz and Mrs. Gerritt A. Archibald. Refreshments will be served by Miss Jessie Robbins, Avis Har- all" there disclosed. graves, Grace Burks, Cora Smith, Ada Hamilton, Lillia Dixon, Hilma Aronson, Florence Hubbard, Mary Deputy, Nellie Furgason, Eva Hutchinson, Mattie Love,

# CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

Valuable Hints for Both Male and Fe-

male Shoppers.

Already the shops show signs of the approaching holidays, and the insatiable demand for novelties is being so adequately met by the merchants that the purchaser asks himself, "What more can one possibly New Orleans Times-Democrat. want?" The windows are not yet decked in their hollday garb, but for the prudent ones who look far ahead in their preparations for Christmas, the clerks will take from their hiding places on the shelves all sorts of boxes filled with all sorts of things delightful to the feminine heart. And there one so often runs across the very thing desired in unexpected places, thus adding zest to shopping in a season filled with sur-

One of the daintiest of the new ties is of white crepe de chene, with tucked collar and ends embroidered in colors. Another of then same material has the front cut V shaped and embroidered to harmonize with the ends.

In those many accessories contributing to the charm of mi-lady's appearance, there is a greater variety than ever before. There is no end in new designs in neckwear upon which depends much of the smart effect of a costume. The military collar, with its lacings in front and military trimmings is still much in vogue.

Then there is the tucked stock with its silk bow, often having embroidered ends, and the ever-popular twice around four-inmaterial, a very pretty one being in a stoft flannel with the stock of white and the ties in shades of green, red, blue and pink. The stock being crush, this neckpiece is comfortable as well as serviceable. x x x

stitched in white and the black glove with white kid finish for wrists and large pearl button for fastening, which is quite the proper thing.

While speaking of gloves one must not forget the dainty gauntlet top which is made to fasten on different waists. This ing, copied from the Paris Pharmacolgia, comes only in bright red and mauve, the red being trimmed with gold braid and two large brass buttons, and the mauve, in silver. The daintiness of these tops can scarcely be imagined, and they are a decided novelty.

the East. This may be trimmed with a became seriously alarmed. Upon sending, handsome breast or wing, or a rich tone of however, for her physician she was convelvet, or even in a cluster of artificial oled with the assurance that it had al-florers. The expense of such hats will per ready passed through a hundred patients haps prevent their ever becoming popular, | with the best effect.

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Lot 19c and 25c Fancy Pillow Tops of ticking and denim; 12 1/2 c
Lot Fancy Elastic Garters with large satin bow and fancy buckle, in boxes; they come assorted 25c colors; the 39c kind

LOT GENTS' 50c FOUR-IN-HAND Teck, Imperial and String 25c LADIES' 25c SILK TIES, plaited in center, square and bias, edged with lace and satin ribbon; very 19c pretty; choice..... 

LADIES' 10c HEMSTITCHED LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS; 5c LADIES' 15c EMBROIDERED AND LACE TRIMMED 'KER- 10c CHIEFS; choice..... Big lot Gents' plain 'Kerchiefs.. 100 LOT COTTON PLAID DRESS

GOODS, worth 10c and 121/2c; 6c a yd..... Lot Novelty Dress Goods, worth up to 50c and 75c yd; 11½c 25c and

little ones. D D D D

Lot Men's Brown and Ecru, Cotton Ribbed Shirts and Drawers; 19c the 35c and 39c kind; choice .... ····· Lot Children's Mixed Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth up to 50c 10c each; choice.....

Union Suits; only..... \$5.00 Walking Skirts for \$3.98 In medium and Oxford gray melton;

strap seams, 8 rows of stitching on \$10 to \$15 Venetian Suits for .... \$7.48

Children's 25c Gray and Ecru 15c

About 15 of these Suits left; they are fine tailored jackets, silk lined. Come in Navy, Castor, Black and Brown. \$20 Basket Cloth Suit for ..... \$12.50

Man-tailored Suits, guaranteed satinlined Jackets; have quilted silk-faced lapels. A very nobby suit. Has grad-

uated flounce skirt. ····· Did you get one of those 22 or 24inch Jackets that we are selling at \$2.98? We have a few left at this price. Regular \$8 to \$12.50 Jackets. \$4 French Flannel Waists ..... \$2.79

Tucked and embroidered in front, open in back; assorted colors. Gray Velvet Waists for .......\$3.25 Regular \$5.00 Waist, made of silk velvet, tucked, open front.

Dark Striped \$1.25 Flannelette. 98c Wrapper; tight lining......

# For Christmas DOLLS, TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, PICTURES, GUNS, etc., for the

A Dress, Waist, Skirt, Suit, Hosiery, Corsets, Handkerchiefs, Pillow Top, Embroidery Work and many other valuable things at prices easy within reach.

25 pieces light striped Flannelettes. for Gowns, etc., loc quality 7 1/2 C

...... 36-inch Bleached Pillow Tub-ing, very fine muslin; yd... 121/2 c ..... 10-4 Cotton Blankets, in gray 49c only; pair.....

11-4 Wool Blankets \$2.98 up. Ladies' 20c fleeced fast black 15c Hose; pair ..... Children's 25c and 35c Wool 15c Hose ..... Ladies' 50c Cashmere Hose, 35c

black ..... Children's 25c Hercules and Al- 19c bion fast black Hose for ...... ······ TABLE LINENS make valuable

presents for Xmas. 24x24-inch Damask Napkins, heavily brocaded, \$3 doz. kind, 21x21-inch \$2.00 Napkins, 72-inch Irish Linen Table Damask, heavily brocaded and an Sc 69c quality, yd.....

72-inch Satin Damask, \$1.25 750 ······ Choice any 25c Towel in the 19c store Monday for .....

Silk Boas are very stylish and are very acceptable by any lady. We have them, very beautifully made, some with long strings, fine and fluffy. They are worth \$3 to \$5. The new prices for this special sale are \$1.98 to..... \$3.98

Silk Taffeta Ribbons for wear and fancy work, or anything else, 16 to 40 widths, worth 121/2c to 10c

# but for those who can afford them they are

Fashionable hair ornaments are rosettes of ribbon or chiffon to harmonize with the gown, while for evening wear they are made of velvet flowers, studded with rhinestones. The daintiest are of delicate marabout feathers with spangles, or perhaps a tinsel butterfly or flower is combined with a most brilliant effect.

The weather has not been cold enough to bring out all the varieties that are to be worn in the line of furs, but one sees that the browns are to be more fashionable than the grays. There is a tendency to greater length in boas, some touching the edge of the gown, while muffs are enormous in size. Bear is to be especially popular, the hair, though somewhat coarse, being quite fluffy.

The latest thing in the long coat, which for various reasons, will probably be worn for several winters to come, is the full back, belted at the walst. The strap may have large buttons on either end.

Nor are noveltles limited in articles for women's adornment. Even the furniture and are showing many things to enhance the comfort and beauty of the home. There are divans, upholstered in silk velour, and uxurious davenports, to say nothing of odd parlor pieces, plain and in hand-carved mahogany, or in quaint antique de-

x x x At last men are emancipated from the dreadful necessity of sharing their wives' made for their exclusive use. These are in weathered oak, with dull finish, the tion of "The Peachbloom Vase," from his most handsome ones, however, being in "Sketches, Critical and Biographical," a solid mahogany. They have sliding drawers limited edition on the valuable Walters col- or bird's-eye maple, varying in width from the narrow to the wide. Some have a the club will be with Mrs. Otis Greene, 2116 mirror top, or a very convenient way is Central avenue, on Jan. 4. "Things Jap- to have the small movable mirror in its frame matching the wood of the chiffonier.

> Much use is being made of tinted leather, a decided novelty in this being the large library or porch chair of dull green wood, with its leather cushion and back to harmonize. The unsuspecting will be treated to a surprise when he touches ever so lightly a concealed spring under one arm of this wonderful chair, for, behold, he is confronted with the most charming magazine or paper receptacle dear to the heart of the book lover. While, if he will open the dainty doors underneath the seat, he will find no end of comfort in the "catch-

> Many of the novelties are in burnt wood, one of these for the library table being a book rack which slides to accomodate from six to a dozen books. It has various mottoes on the sides, appropriate to the reader, and the ends are decorated in figures and designs.

# OUR LIBRARIES.

This Country Cannot Boast of Having the Greatest and Best.

"We are in the habit of boasting a great deal in this country," said the book worm, "but when it comes to libraries we are rather low on the list in comparison with other countries. Still we have the best system in the world. We have this virtue as a rule which distinguishes us from other peoples: what books we have we read. That's why we have them on hand. I was reading the statement again a few days ago about the world's great libraries, and to be candid about it I did not like to see the United States so far down in the list. There is the Bibliotheque Nationale of Parls with 2,600,000 volumes, the British Museum of London with 2,000,000 volumes, 1,200,000 in the imperial library at St. Petersburg, 1,000,000 in the royal library at Munich, while the library of Congress at Washington has only 875,000 volumes. The Boston public library has 820,000 volumes and the New York public library has 705,000 volumes. But one point which must not be overlooked is the fact that we have now scattered all over the United States libraries which are free and constantly open to the public, and the books to be found in the more prominent libraries do not represent all the Nation has. The fact of the business is that we probably have more books at the public disposal for the mere registration of a name than any other country of the world, and what is better, as I said before, what books we have we have them to read and digest. We believe in a wise dissemination of governmental powers, and we have made practically the same rule apply to our library system. But I would like to see the United States in a position to boast of having the greatest and best library on the face of the habitable globe, the greatest numerically and the best from the standpoint of the world's As for gloves, there are the heavy kid, highest literary standard. That's the kind titched in white and the black glove with of an American I am, and I can't help it and wouldn't if I could."

# The Pill of the Ancients.

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Francisco as telephone operators. There

are so many Chinese inhabitants using the telephone there that operators who speak

Ever since the Forth bridge was opened -eleven years ago-painting has gone on continuously. Beginning at the south end the workmen take three years to cover the entire length of the bridge, and, as three the paint, no sooner are they finished than the men have to begin again. In this way every square inch of steel comes under observation at least once in three years. The

Julian Ralph, in New York Mail and Exhe is concealing the truth. You know he is making fishing a blind for his favorite dis- Day civilization and enjoy flannel shirts and a

Nobody really loafs for many hours at a time, not even a hobo, for he does the hardest kind of work when he rides on a other. Real loafing would result in deathhence we only really loaf when we are dead. Your loafer is sure to do a lot of work whether he hunts, or rides, or plays golf, or dances attendance on the ladies, ing. The difference between a loafer's work and other work is that a loafer does the

The printers' union of London has a mem-

the right to a free Turkish bath anywhere Explorers have approached within 238 miles of the north pole, but the nearest approach to the south pole has been 772 miles. The checks which pass through the London clearing house in six weeks are more

The ocean used to be considered about as | Lo, is it all worth while? be half as deep again, that is, 46,236 feet. Karl Groos; "The Child; a Study in the license tax from \$500 to \$1,100 has reduced All day the busy hen

> Souvenir postal cards are used at the rate count of them maintained by the government every day for a week. The postage paid on the cards averaged \$17,250 a day. It used to be that the people left Havana in the summer if they could afford it in or-

yellow fever. The courthouse in Williamsburg, Va., marked in looking over the books of the where Patrick Henry made his famous speech on the stamp act, is still in existence. It is used for judicial purposes, and every Saturday morning petty offenders

> Protestant parents and must not proselyte. Sunday in St. Petersburg in the Protestant



